

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Agriculture and Cooperation Department – Horticulture- Procurement of Copra under Price Support Scheme with relax FAQ specification in respect of wrinkled kernel/copra from 10% under FAQ up to 25% for Crop season 2012 from 15.05.2012 till 31.07.2012-Appointment of A.P. OILFED as a Nodal Agency on behalf of NAFED-Orders-Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (HORTI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 590

Date:25.05.2012

Read the following:-

1. Executive Director, NAFED, New Delhi Lr.No.HO/SPA/COPRA SPA/COPRA-12/2011-12 Dated: 18.01.2012.
2. D.O.Lr.No.13043/HORTI/A2/2009 Dated:10.02.2012.
3. From the Director (Coop), Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi Lr.No.L-15016/11/2012-MPS Dated:27.03.2012
4. G.O.Rt.No.396 Agriculture and Cooperation(HORTI) Department Dated: 13.04.2012.
5. From the Director (Coop), Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi Lr.No.L-15016/11/2012-MPS Dated:16.05.2012

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the NAFED has conveyed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) scheme of Government of India for Kharif 2012 season and it has been fixed at Rs.5,100 per qtl. for Milling Copra and Rs.5,350/-per qtl. for Ball copra for Fair Average Quality (FAQ). Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted proposals to Government of India for relaxing the FAQ standards of Milling Copra from 10% wrinkled kernels to 30% as Special Grade Milling Copra for Crop season 2012 vide reference 2nd read above.

2. The above request of Government of Andhra Pradesh has been discussed on 26.03.2012 headed by the Additional Secretary, Government of India and directed that in view of the down trend prices of copra viz-a-viz, the Market Support Price (MSP, NAFED shall under take the Price Support Scheme (PSS) operation for FAQ stock for copra pending finalization of the report to be submitted by the team comprising a scientist from Horticulture Division (DAC) or ICAR and an expert from Coconut Development Board on the request of Government of Andhra Pradesh.

3. Accordingly, Government have nominated the AP OILFED as State Nodal Agency of State Government initially for procurement of Copra under Price Support Scheme (PSS) of Government of India fixing the Minimum Support Price (MSP) at Rs.5,100/- per qtl. for Milling Copra and Rs.5350/- per qtl. for Ball Copra for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) in accordance with prescribed quality/grade specifications. Pending finalization of the Committee report vide reference 4th read above.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Government of India has conveyed their approval is as follows “ to relax FAQ specification in respect of wrinkled kernel/copra from 10% under FAQ up to 25% for procurement of copra in Andhra Pradesh at the Price of Rs.4335/-per qtl. (against the MSP of Rs.5,100/- per qtl. for FAQ copra up to 10% wrinkled kernel). Except for the relaxation regarding percentage of wrinkled kernel/copra up to 25% , all other FAQ norms for copra would be ensured. The maximum quantity of Copra to be procured in Andhra Pradesh with relaxed specification will be up to 10,000 MT and the procurement will be under taken from 15th May, 2012 to 31st July, 2012. NAFED would be the central agency and the State Government will nominate the State Agency for procurement of copra under PSS. The State Government and NAFED should ensure that copra is procured only from the genuine farmers , to be duly certified by State Government officers, duly authorized by the State Government for this purpose.

5. In pursuance to the approval conveyed by the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi in the reference 5th read above, Government hereby accord permission to Managing Director, AP OILFED for commencing procurement of Copra up to 10,000 M.Ts with relaxed FAQ specification in respect of wrinkled kernel/copra from 10% under FAQ up to 25% for procurement of copra in Andhra Pradesh at the Price of Rs.4335/-per qtl. (against the MSP of Rs.5,100/- per qtl. for FAQ copra up to 10% wrinkled kernel). Except for the relaxation regarding percentage of wrinkled kernel/copra up to 25% , all other FAQ norms for copra.

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6. Government hereby also permit the Managing Director, AP OIL FED to enter MOU/Agreement with NAFED to start the MSP operations for Crop season 2012 with relaxed FAQ norms as per prescribed guide lines, which is enclosed at Annexure.
7. The Commissioner of Horticulture, Hyderabad and the Managing Director, AP OIL FED shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**Dr. C V S K SARMA
APC & PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Commissioner of Horticulture, Hyderabad
The Managing Director, AP OILFED, Hyderabad
CC to Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, Hyderabad.
CC to Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar of Cooperative Societies,
Hyderabad.
CC to District Collectors East Godavari and West Godavari
CC to PS to Additional Secretary to Chief Minister
CC to PS to Special chief Secretary (Agricultural Marketing & Cooperation)
CC to PS to M(Horticulture)
CC to PS to M(Cooperation)

//FORWARDED : : BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

GUIDE LINES FOR PROCURMENT OF COPRA UNDER PRICE SUPPORT
SCHEME FOR CROP SEASON 2012

- 1) The Senior Manager (OPD), A.P.Cooperative Oilseeds Growers' Federation Ltd., will be over all in-charge of the programme and he will be responsible for the PSS of Copra of proper quality and correct weight, their dispatch and proper storage by coordinating with all the agencies concerned including NAFED.
- 2) The procurement of Copra in the districts shall be done by opening procurement points at Agriculture Market Committee premises involving the representatives of NAFED and APOILFED. The procurement committee constituted by the District Collector, shall supervise and assist the procurement agency. The Horticulture Officer/Market Committee Secretary will assist the APOILFED/NAFED representatives in grading the Copra according to the FAQ parameters and quality. **They will be responsible for the quality of the stock of Copra procured.** The Village Administrative Officer and the Revenue Inspector concerned shall assist the procurement teams in identifying and certifying the genuineness of the farmers who bring their produce to the centre and they shall certify the area under Coconut cultivation and yield obtained by the concerned grower. The maximum quantity of copra to be procured from farmers may be limited to 2 qtls./acre/year. (yield calculated @ 4800 nuts/acre/year, of which 40 % generally converted into Copra by farmers and 1000 coconuts generally yield 100 kg copra i.e., 192 kg or 200 kg copra/year)
- 3) The Agrl. Market committees situated at the Copra procurement centers decided by the District Collectors shall provide infrastructure facilities like godowns, tarpaulins and weighing balances for procurement of Copra and the AMC gets 1% Market cess from the procuring agency.
- 4) AMC Secretary has to maintain serial wise list of Copra farmers with quantity of Copra and number of bags, so that purchases will be made serially without inviting problems. Every day the concerned Secretary of the AMC shall prepare a list of the farmers for the succeeding day along with the No. of bags and qty and shall hand over to APOILFED/NAFED Officials, so that they shall make arrangements for the next day purchases. As per the serial list submitted by AMC the APOILFED shall procure Copra following all the FAQ specifications. The farmers shall be advised to dry the Copra to meet the FAQ specifications prescribed. The rejected stocks of Copra shall be removed from the yard premises.

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- 5) Copra fumigated by Sulphur or other fumigants permissible under Prevention of Food Adultration (PFA) rules 1955 can be procured. This shall be kernels obtained from the fruits of *cocos nucifera* linn, fam, palmae, which have been cut into approx. two equal pieces forming a cup shape. These shall be well dried, reasonably firm and in sound merchantable condition. It may be fumigated by sulphur or other fumigants permissible under PFA Rules 1955 and shall be free from rancid taste and objectionable odour. The tests shall be whitish to dark brown in colour and the meat shall be pearly white to ash white in colour.
- 6) **NAFED would deploy the quality control officers for checking the quality of milling copra and ensure whether the material on conformity to the grading standards given by NAFED. Any deviation found with reference to the specifications fixed will be reviewed seriously and responsibility will be fixed on the members of the team concerned including NAFED and APOILFED.**
- 7) The District Collectors will also nominate one competent District Level Officer as Monitoring Officer to over-see the entire Copra Procurement operations and Coordinate with Sr.Manager (P&I), APOILFED / Br.Manager, NAFED and various Revenue Officers about identification of genuine farmers, issue of coupons, regulating the arrivals and day-to-day purchases and transaction of stocks to ware houses to avoid rush and backlog of stocks at centers.
- 8) The Agricultural Marketing Department and the District Collectors shall take action to ensure that the adequate publicity is given to the farmers through press, electronic media, beat to tom tom, leaflets etc. to create awareness among the farmers about the Price Support Scheme (PSS) operations, quality specifications, the location of purchase centres and the procedure being followed for procurement of copra under PSS. All the required details should be displayed at the village Administrative Office in coconut growing villages.
- 9) The Pattadar Pass book held by the farmer has to be verified by Revenue Department officials and endorsement has to be made in token of the verification and certificate is to be issued to the coconut farmer with regard to area under coconut and copra yield expected per year. The said certificate shall contain certificate number, date of issue and name and designation of the Officer concerned.
- 10) In case of non-availability of original pattadar pass book, it has to be decided by the Revenue Officer and the District Collector concerned for issue of copy of Pass book or certificate of genuineness to the farmers.
- 11) Prior to the commencement of procurement, APOILFED should enter into an agreement with NAFED with regard to copra PSS operations 2012 season.

- 12) Procurement should be made from farmers without any middlemen agency or from traders or farmers representatives. The payment due to the farmers on account of procurement should be made only by account payee crossed cheques.
- 13) An undertaking should be obtained from the farmers along with the relevant Adangal extract by APOILFED procurement in-charge to the effect that the Copra brought to sell by them is only from their own land and not obtained from others and that they are liable for prosecution for any violation of undertaking signed by the farmers.
- 14) The procurement in-charge of APOILFED should maintain a register called Copra Procurement Register (CPR) and this register should contain all the details such as name of the Farmer, extent of land owned/land on lease, area of coconut tree cultivated, quantity of Copra procured, variety, price paid, cheque No. & date. This procurement register should be maintained and closed after every day and duly signed by the procurement staff of APOILFED & NAFED Officials at procurement points and the Secretary of Agriculture Market Committee.
- 15) APOILFED would issue an office order in detail, fixing responsibility on the staff who are entrusted with the procurement of Copra under PSS 2012.
- 16) Based on the acreage and yield specifications of copra by the Department of Horticulture a ceiling has to be prescribed to the farmer in respect of annual production. 40 % of the total annual production and of it 30 % of the production of the farmer only to be procured as 70% peak season arrivals completed by August. It may be accepted once in three months @ 1 bag/acre (@ 4800 nuts/acre & 40 % would be 1920 nuts and copra of about 2 qtls/year @ 100 kgs copra per 1000 nuts. 70 % of peak arrivals are during April to August and rest 30 % in the other months).
- 17) Irregularities, if any, noticed should be brought to the notice of the Revenue Divisional Officer/District Collector to take immediate action.
- 18) If it is brought to the notice that the Copra procured from traders, agency/middlemen other than the farmers identified for the purpose or any other irregularities is noticed in the procurement of Copra, severe action including criminal action shall be taken against the persons responsible for the irregularities.
- 19) The stocks procured details etc. are to be incorporated in the pattadaar pass book/copies of pattadaar pass book issued by the Revenue Officials to the farmers.
- 20) Based on the coconut area cultivation report from the Department of Horticulture and suggestions by the District Collectors, procurement centres may be opened for a minimum quantity of 1000 MTs. If registration of lesser area and quantity, such areas may be attached to the nearby procurement centre or even in the adjacent districts.

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21) Information furnished by farmers, and certified by village administrative Officer/MRO regarding Coconut area and yield concerned are only to be considered by procuring agency for the purpose of procurement of copra.

22) The District Collectors concerned should constitute a vigilance committee involving Sub Collector/RDO MRO concerned, Asst. Director of Horticulture concerned, Asst. Director of

Marketing, Sr. Manager (OPD&BM), APOILFED & Br. Manager, NAFED for overall supervision of the procurement operations of copra to ensure proper procurement and the scheme reaches the targeted Beneficiaries (Coconut growing farmers). The implementing agencies and the procurement agency shall ensure that not even single ineligible person gets through the system.

23) To commence the Copra procurement operation by APOILFED, NAFED may consider for issue of advance amount, which could be adjusted from the subsequent bills. The registers as prescribed by NAFED has to be properly maintained at the procurement centres and also at APOILFED (Procuring agency) H.O. The daily report on procurement should be submitted in the prescribed format by the procurement centre and in turn by the procuring agency to NAFED. Quality gunnies alone should be used. The gunnies brought by the farmers should not be used. Gummies purchasing shall be done by APOILFED & NAFED after calling of Tender notice as per procedure.

24) The bill of APOILFED alone should be used for procurement. In the bill, the farmers pattadaar pass book No. should be noted. The procurement details should be recorded in the pattadaar pass book. For each purchase centre Moisture Meter should be made available by APOILFED. The copra has to be procured from the current year production. The employees have to be deployed on monthly rotation basis. Claims have to be submitted by APOILFED to NAFED in time. In case of additional expenditure if any to be incurred, the written permission of the NAFED representative has to be obtained.

25) The MD., AP OILFED to intimate the Progress of Procurement under PSS to the Director (Coop), GOI, Ministry of Agriculture, Department Agriculture and Cooperation, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

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